

IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A method for destroying or disabling an information or data storage device comprising a first layer and a second layer bonded together, which comprises the step of ~~inserting a mechanical device or energy form~~ focusing laser energy at a point to cause the first and second layers to separate from each other.

Claims 2 to 4 (CANCELLED).

5. (ORIGINAL) The method of Claim 1, wherein the information or storage device is rotated.

Claim 6 (CANCELLED).

7. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) ~~The method of Claim 1, wherein~~ A method for destroying or disabling an information or data storage device comprising a first layer and a second layer bonded together, which comprises the step of applying thermal energy is used to separate the first and second layers to cause the first and second layers to separate from each other.

Claims 8 and 9 (CANCELLED).

10. (ORIGINAL) The method of Claim 1, wherein the information or data storage device is a DVD.

11. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) An apparatus for destroying or disabling an information or data storage device comprising a first layer and a second layer bonded together, wherein the apparatus has means for ~~inserting a mechanical device or energy form~~ focusing laser energy into the information or data storage device at a point to cause the first and second layers to separate from each other.

Claims 12 to 14 (CANCELLED).

15. (ORIGINAL) The apparatus of Claim 14, wherein the information or storage device can be rotated.

Claim 16 (CANCELLED).

17. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) ~~The apparatus of Claim 11, wherein~~ An apparatus for destroying or disabling an information or data storage device comprising a first layer and a second layer bonded together, wherein the apparatus has means for applying thermal energy is used to separate the first and second layers to cause the first and second layers to separate from each other.

Claims 18 and 19 (CANCELLED)

20. (ORIGINAL) The apparatus of Claim 11, wherein the information or data storage device is a DVD.

21. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A method of destroying or disabling an information or data storage device comprising a first layer and a second layer bonded together, which comprises the steps of:

(a) ~~inserting a mechanical device or energy form~~ applying laser or thermal energy to carve cause the first and second layers to separate from each other; and

(b) treating one or both of the first and second layers [t] to render them inoperable of storing or carrying information or data.

22. (ORIGINAL) The method of Claim 21, wherein in step (b) the first or second layer is reduced to small particle size pieces.

23. (NEW) The method of Claim 7, wherein the information or storage device is rotated.

24. (NEW) The method of Claim 7, wherein the information or data storage device is a DVD.

25. (NEW) The apparatus of Claim 17, wherein the information or storage device can be rotated.

26. (NEW) The apparatus of Claim 17, wherein the information or data storage device is a DVD.